

Bulletin

2017-7

ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR WAIVERS TO EDUCATION REFORM SPENDING REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TO: Mayors/Selectmen
Regional School Superintendents

FROM: Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner

DATE: August 2017

SUBJECT: FY2018 Waivers to Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions

This *Bulletin* advises local officials that application for waivers from FY2018 Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions may be submitted until October 2, 2017. The types of waivers available and qualifying criteria for them are explained in Informational [Guideline Release \(IGR\) No. 16-301, *Annual Fiscal Year Waivers to Education Reform Spending Requirements and Minimum Required Local Contributions*](#). The application form and directions are found on page 2 of this *Bulletin*.

This *Bulletin* also announces the amount needed for a municipality to qualify for a municipal revenue growth factor waiver. That waiver requires that a municipality's revenue growth factor be greater than 1.5 times the state average. See Section A-3 of [IGR 16-301](#). Therefore, to qualify for the waiver in FY2018, a municipality's revenue growth factor must be greater than 6.29.

EDUCATION REFORM WAIVER FORM

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

Please indicate below the type of waiver you are applying for and the documentation enclosed. Return this form with the required data along with a letter of request to Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner. This letter should provide a brief explanation of your reason(s) for requesting a waiver and must be signed by the selectmen, city council, mayor, or regional school superintendent whichever is applicable. **Applications must be postmarked by October 2, 2017.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Ordway at (617) 626-2361.

Please remit this form and cover letter to the attention of:

Melinda Ordway
Division of Local Services
P.O. Box 9569
Boston, MA 02114-9569

Type of Waiver

Data Required

Revenue waiver

_____ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year
_____ Form B-2 for the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet
_____ Page 2 (actual or estimated to date) from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Expenditure waiver

_____ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year
_____ Letter from town accountant/city auditor certifying amounts to be raised in the current fiscal year
_____ Page 2 (actual or estimated to date) from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Municipal Revenue Growth
Factor waiver

_____ Form LA13 for the current fiscal year
_____ Actual prior fiscal year local receipts from the current fiscal year tax recapitulation sheet

Regional School Revenue
waiver

_____ Balance sheet as of June 30 for the prior fiscal year
_____ Assessment calculations for the prior and current fiscal years